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## TURKEY.

*Report from Constantinople.*

[Report No. 239.]

*Sanitary condition of the provinces of Turkey.*CONSTANTINOPLE, *February 23, 1900.*

SIR: I referred in my last report to the want of water in the Hedjaz, namely, at Djiddah, as well as the danger to which said place was exposed. All this has disappeared as if by enchantment. The French sanitary representative has communicated to the sanitary board a dispatch, according to which, as a consequence of a heavy storm, it rained so much that nearly all the cisterns and tanks in said town were filled. The sanitary physician at Medim reports that smallpox is always raging there and that said disease is due in large part to the pilgrims who arrive in the Hedjaz bearing the germ of said disease. At the last sitting of the sanitary commission I proposed to have a service for vaccinating said pilgrims, as the Italian authorities have had in their northwest frontier for the French pilgrims coming from Marseilles. Unhappily, my proposition was opposed by the vice-president, supported by the British sanitary representative.

The sanitary physician at Smyrna reports that la grippe is prevailing in said city but of a mild character. Smallpox caused during the month of December, 1899, 8 deaths and 3 were caused by measles. The number of deaths registered during said month of December in Smyrna was 245.

*Sanitary condition of the city of Constantinople.*

In Constantinople typhoid fever is always the prevailing disease. Unhappily, nothing is done in order to improve the sanitary condition of the town. The water supplied is far from being of the best quality and the highest purity; the streets are as dirty as never they have been. From the 5th to the 19th instant, 515 deaths have been registered in Constantinople. Of these deaths, 1 was from smallpox, 1 from diphtheria, 2 from measles, 18 from typhoid fever, and 31 from inflammation of the respiratory system.

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*United States Sanitary Commissioner.*

## FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres.*—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 800,000. Total number of deaths, 1,342, including diphtheria, 4; enteric fever, 10; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 10, and 4 from smallpox.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sydney.*—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 426,950. Total number of deaths, 543, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 6; whooping cough, 2, and 36 from phthisis pulmonalis.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town.*—Two weeks ended March 2, 1900. Estimated population, 1,472. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

*Governors Harbor.*—Two weeks ended March 3, 1900. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths and no contagious diseases.